

1.2. (Amended) A bifurcated stent comprising:

- a proximal tubular section;
 - a first distal tubular section, said first distal tubular section connected to said proximal section by connector members; and
 - a second distal tubular section, said first and second distal tubular sections welded together at their proximal ends;
- wherein the weld is a spot weld formed between a dowel and a hole.

B1 2. (Amended) A bifurcated stent comprising:

- a proximal tubular section;
 - a first distal tubular section, said first distal tubular section connected to said proximal section by connector members; and
 - a second distal tubular section, said first and second distal tubular sections welded together at their proximal ends;
- wherein the connector members are continuously placed around the circumference of the first distal section.

B2 5.6. (Amended) A bifurcated stent comprising:

- a proximal tubular section;
 - a first distal tubular section, said first distal tubular section connected to said proximal section by connector members; and
 - a second distal tubular section, said first and second distal tubular sections welded together at their proximal ends;
- wherein said distal end ^{of} proximal sections are expandable to different diameters.

B3 6.7. (Twice Amended) A stent comprising a first cylindrical form and a second cylindrical form connected thereto;

said second cylindrical form placed alongside a wall portion of the first cylindrical form and forming a connector thereat so that the stent forms a "Y"-shaped opening through the interior portion of the stent without overlap; and

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B3 said stent having a welded connection at the connection between said first and second cylindrical forms;

Concl wherein said welded connection is accomplished around the entire circumference of said second cylindrical form.

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